

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A digital image storage system comprising:

a data storage including a docking station on which a digital camera can be placed for transmitting digital images stored in a memory of the digital camera to the docking station and for receiving electric power from the docking station to charge a battery of the digital camera, the data storage further including a storage medium that stores the transmitted digital images, the storage medium is disposed in a housing that is separate from a housing having the docking station; and

a controller that controls the transmission of the digital images from the digital camera and the charging of the digital camera battery so that the charging and the transmission do not occur at the same time, the controller automatically starts the charging of the digital camera battery after the transmission of the digital images is stopped.
2. (Previously Presented) The digital image storage system according to claim 1, further comprising a digital camera including a manually operable power switch that switches the digital camera between an operative state and an inoperative state.
3. (Previously Presented) The digital image storage system according to claim 2, wherein the controller starts the charging of the digital camera battery regardless of the manual operation of the digital camera power switch between the operative state and the inoperative state.
4. (Previously Presented) The digital image storage system according to claim 2, wherein the controller causes the digital camera to switch from the operative state to the inoperative state.

5. (Previously Presented) The digital image storage system according to claim 4, wherein the controller causes the digital camera to be switched from the operative state to the inoperative state before the controller causes the digital camera battery to be charged.

6. (Previously Presented) The digital image storage system according to claim 2, wherein the controller switches the digital camera from the operative state to the inoperative state subsequent to completion of the transmission of the digital images.

7. (Previously Presented) The digital image storage system according to the claim 1, wherein the docking station has an indicator that indicates information relevant to the charge to the battery.

8. (Previously Presented) The digital image storage system according to claim 1, further comprising a battery detector that detects a kind of battery within the digital camera.

9. (Previously Presented) A digital image storage system comprising:

- a digital camera having a memory capable of storing digital images and a manually operable power switch that switches the digital camera between an operative state and an inoperative state;
- a data storage including a docking station on which the digital camera can be placed for transmitting the digital images of the digital camera memory to the docking station, a storage medium that stores the digital images transmitted from the digital camera memory from the docking station, the storage medium is disposed in a housing that is separate from a housing having the docking station; and
- a controller that receives a signal from the docking station to receive the transmission of the digital images, and after the digital images transmission is terminated, the controller automatically causes a switching of the digital camera from the operative state to the inoperative state without the manual operation of the power switch, the controller

automatically starts charging of a battery of the digital camera through the docking station after the transmission of the digital images is stopped.

10. (Currently Amended) A system for use with digital images, comprising:

a docking station on which a digital camera can be placed for transmitting digital images stored in a memory of the digital camera to the docking station and for receiving electric power to charge a battery of the digital camera while the digital camera is placed on the docking station, the docking station transmitting the digital images from the digital camera to an external data storage that includes a housing that is separate from a housing having the docking station; and

a controller that controls the transmission of the digital images from the digital camera and the charging of the digital camera battery so that the charging and the transmission do not occur at the same time, the controller automatically starts the charging of the digital camera battery after the transmission of the digital images is stopped.

11. (Previously Presented) A digital image storage system comprising:

a digital camera having a memory capable of storing digital images and a manually operable power switch that switches the digital camera between an operative state and an inoperative state;

a docking station on which a digital camera can be placed for transmitting the digital images of the digital camera memory to the docking station;

a storage medium that stores the digital images transmitted from the digital camera memory through the docking station, the storage medium is disposed in a housing that is separate from a housing having the docking station; and

a controller that receives a signal from the docking station to receive the transmission of the digital images, and after the digital images transmission is terminated, the controller automatically causes a switching of the digital camera from the operative state to

the inoperative state without the manual operation of the power switch, the controller automatically starts charging of a battery of the digital camera through the docking station after the transmission of the digital images is stopped.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Canceled)

14. (Previously Presented) The digital image storage system according to claim 1, wherein the controller starts the charging of the battery after a predetermined period of time has passed after the transmission of the digital images is stopped.

15. (Previously Presented) The digital image storage system according to claim 1, further comprising a detector that detects a signal to start the transmission of the digital images.

16. (Previously Presented) The digital image storage system according to claim 15, wherein the detector includes a mechanical contact and a sensor.

17. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 10, further comprising a digital camera having a battery and a memory capable of storing digital images.

18. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 17, further comprising a storage medium that stores the transmitted digital images from the digital camera memory through the docking station, the storage medium is disposed in the external data storage.

19. (Canceled)

20. (Canceled)

21. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 10, wherein the controller starts the charging of the battery after a predetermined period of time has passed after the transmission of the digital images is stopped.

22. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 10, further comprising a detector that detects a signal to start the transmission of the digital images.

23. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 22, wherein the detector includes a mechanical contact and a sensor.

24. (Previously Presented) The digital image storage system according to claim 1, wherein the housing having the docking station does not include any memory for storing the digital images.

25. (Previously Presented) The digital image storage system according to claim 9, wherein the housing having the docking station does not include any memory for storing the digital images.

26. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 10, wherein the housing having the docking station does not include any memory for storing the digital images.

27. (Previously Presented) The digital image storage system according to claim 11, wherein the housing having the docking station does not include any memory for storing the digital images.